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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1.   A data processing system input pointing device
5 comprising:
        a single control device included within said input
pointing device; and
        said single control device for controlling an audio
output of said data processing system in response to a
10 movement of said control device.

2.   The device according to claim 1, wherein said
control device further comprises an audio wheel.

15 3.   The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
        said control device capable of being moved forward;
and
        means for increasing a volume of said audio output
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved
20 forward.

4.   The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
        said control device capable of being moved backward;
and
25   means for decreasing a volume of said audio output
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved
forward.

5.   The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
30   said control device capable of being depressed; and

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means for toggling a mute of said audio output in response to said control device being depressed twice in quick succession.

5   6.   The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being depressed and moved forward; and

means for fast forwarding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while
10   simultaneously being moved forward.

7.   The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being depressed and moved backward; and
15   means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while simultaneously being moved backward.

8.   The device according to claim 1, wherein said input
20   pointing device is a mouse.

9.   The device according to claim 1, wherein said control device is an audio wheel included on a side of said input pointing device.

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10.   A mouse for use in a data processing system, said mouse comprising:
a single audio wheel included on a side of said mouse; and
30   said audio wheel for controlling said audio output of said data processing system in response to a movement of said audio wheel.

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11. The mouse according to claim 10, further comprising
said single audio wheel capable of increasing a volume,
decreasing said volume, toggling a mute of said volume,
fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and
5   rewinding through said current audio selection.

12. A method in a data processing system comprising the
steps of:
        providing an input pointing device;
10   including an audio control device on said input
pointing device; and
        controlling an audio output of said data processing
system in response to a movement of said audio control
device.
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13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising
the steps of:
        moving said audio control device forward; and
        increasing a volume of said audio output in
20   proportion to an amount said audio control device is
moved forward.

14. The method according to claim 12, further
comprising:
25   moving said audio control device backward; and
        decreasing a volume of said audio output in
proportion to an amount said audio control device is
moved forward.

30   15. The method according to claim 12, further
comprising:
        depressing said audio control device; and

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toggling a mute of said audio output in response to said audio control device being depressed twice in quick succession.

5   16.   The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device forward; and

fast forwarding through a current audio selection

10   while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved forward.

17.   The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

15   depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device backward; and

means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved backward.

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18.   A method in a data processing system comprising the steps of:

providing an input pointing device;

including a single audio wheel on a side said input

25   pointing device; and

controlling a volume, toggling of a mute of said volume, fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and rewinding through said current audio selection utilizing said single audio wheel.